

Notice of Allowability

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on 2/3/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-4, 20-24, and 26-45 (renumbered 1-28, respectively).
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 2/3/05 & 8/28/00 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Nick Bromer on 7/28/05.

3. The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 2, line 4, replace "**a** sender side" with --**the** sender side--. In line 9, replace "**a** receiver side" with --**the** receiver side--.

Claim 20, line 4, replace "**a** sender side" with --**the** sender side--. In line 11, delete "**the**" before "data to be sent from". In line 34, insert --**said**-- before "gateway device". In line 35, insert --**said**-- before "facsimile device". In line 39, replace "**the** non-standard function" with --**a** non-standard function--.

Claim 23. (**Currently Amended**) A facsimile communication system comprising:

a first facsimile device on a sender side;

a first gateway device on the sender side connectable through a first telephone line to the first facsimile device;

a second gateway device on a receiver side connectable to the first gateway device through a communication line to which a protocol different from that applied to the first telephone line is applied;

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a second facsimile device on the receiver side connectable to the second gateway device on the receiver side through a second telephone line to which the same protocol as is applied to the first telephone line is applied;

a picture data accumulating memory comprised in the second gateway device; and

circuitry sending picture data from the picture data accumulating memory to the second facsimile device only after a preset interval of time, the preset interval of time being less than a communication failure time interval at which communication among the gateway devices and the facsimile devices is interrupted by at least one of those devices, due to a communication delay in the communication line, wherein the circuitry calculates the communication delays in the communication line for every communication prior to the receipt of data from the first gateway device and, when said second gateway device judges that communication failures may occur due to the calculated communication delays, stores required amounts of data in the accumulating memory based on the calculated communication delays.

Claim 25 is **cancelled**.

Claim 28, line 8, insert **--second--** before “gateway device” and delete **“on the receiver”** after “gateway device”.

Claim 31, line 7, replace **“the time”** with **--a time--**. In line 8, replace **“data exceeds the”** with **--data exceeds a--**.

Claim 32, line 2, replace **“receiving all the data”** with **--receiving all data--**. In line 4, replace **“the gateway”** with **--the second gateway device--**.

Claim 37, line 3, insert **“(NSF)”** after “function”.

Claim 39, line 2, replace "**the** discontinue" with --**a** discontinue--. In line 3, replace "**the** communication ending signal" with --**a** communication ending signal--.

Claim 40, line 3, replace "being **the**" with --being **a**--. In line 5, replace "between first gateway device and first facsimile device" with --between **said** first gateway device and **said** first facsimile device--.

Claim 42, line 2, replace "**the** non-standard" with --**a** non-standard--.

Claim 43, line 3, replace "**the** non-standard function" with --**a** non-standard function--.

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian D. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-3084. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30-6:00 Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chau Nguyen can be reached on (571) 272-3126. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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